

## MINUTES

Thursday, May 11, 2000

Fort Union Room

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by chair, Doug Johnson. Board members available for the meeting were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness. Staff members present: Deb Jensen, Jennifer Hollis, Bonnie Thompson, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors present were Linda Edwards, Max Laird and Joe Westby from NDEA, Gray Gronberg and Mari Rasmussen from DPI, Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office, Vivian Schafer from the University of Mary, August Ritter, Kristi Bitz and Laura Vatsdal. Margaret Dahlberg from Valley City State, Shelby Barratine from University of ND and Joy Janzen from Moorhead State were able to participate in the meeting via conference call.

Board members not available for the meeting were Randy Gordon and Mike Schatz.

A motion was made by Bev to approve the April minutes as written. Second by Linda. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

The financial report was reviewed. Janet pointed out that the categories that reflect an increase are rent and legal fees. The rent has been paid thru the year and Bill Peterson has been working on the rewrite of Title XV. Year to date net income is \$37,440.01. Total revenue for the month of April was \$20,770.39, with total expenses being \$27,990.43, showing a minus \$7,220.04. Eight-seven percent of the budget has been expended for the year. The board expressed their appreciation to Bonnie for the easy to read financial report.

Each board member received a copy of the Teacher Induction Survey results. The survey was prepared to provide information for the Teacher Quality Enhancement grant. It includes information on first year teacher's access to mentoring, needs for professional development and on retention. Deb will add this information to the grant draft. The survey was sent to 594 teachers and 197 surveys were returned. The study was a joint effort thur NDEA and ESPB.

Deb gave an oral report after attending the NCATE State Partnership Clinic, May 3-5, 2000, in Florida. Deb informed the group that the Interstate Committee would meet the first week in June during the annual NASDTEC meeting. After much discussion, Bev made a motion to pay Deb's expenses to attend the Interstate Committee meeting. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante,

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Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness. Deb is a Central States representative on the committee. The board felt that Deb's attendance was important to aid in future laws and assist in any proactive movement.

The board had an opportunity to review the NASDTEC Interstate Contract Agreement. After much discussion, a motion was made by Don to accept the basic agreement, Section III.A. Second by Laura. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness. It was pointed out to the board that since the Interim Reciprocal Law (NDCC 15-36-11.2) is already in place to have all teachers meet our North Dakota standards, by signing the basic agreement this would not be in conflict with our existing North Dakota laws.

Janet presented the 2000-2001 budget to the board. The budget discussion will be placed on the June agenda. The June retreat will be held in Medora, June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>.

ESPB is in the process of reviewing the ESL endorsements/licensure issue to help the needs of Fargo area schools. Mari Rasmussen conducted the ESL presentation. Joy Jantzen from Moorhead State, Shelby Barrentine from UND, and Margaret Dahlberg from Valley City State were able to participate with the ESL discussion via conference call. The board will again revisit the ESL issue at the June board retreat.

The board had the opportunity to listen to Kristy Bitz's viewpoint on student teaching internship regarding guidance and counseling.

August Ritter gave a summary presentation on Project Launch.

Jennifer Hollis gave an impressive website demonstration. The office website address is: [www.state.nd.us/espb](http://www.state.nd.us/espb).

## **CASES**

Janet informed the board that BCI is investigating accused sexual misconduct against two, veteran Oakes teachers. Both teachers are presently on administrative leave. Janet also informed the board that a Grand Forks teacher/coach is also being investigated for sexual misconduct. This teacher is on administrative leave.

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### **DENNIS KOST**

Mr. Kost's file was brought before the board due to a question of ethics. A motion was made by Don to contact Supt. Darrell Nitschke to provide clarification to question #3 in his letter dated to February 3 addressed to Mr. Kost and to clarify the internet files download. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness. Mr. Kost was teaching at the Marmot School, Mandan. He currently holds a life certificate and a T/I license.


### **BRIAN PRICE**

Mr. Price's file was brought to the board due to his background check. A motion was made by Linda to issue a license to Mr. Price. Second by Maryjane. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness. The ESPB office is not aware if Mr. Price is employed at this time.

### **MATTHEW MILLER**

Mr. Miller's file was brought before the board due to a breach of contract. A motion was made by Maryjane to offer Mr. Miller the option of a six-month suspension as a settlement agreement. Second by Linda. Motion carried. Board members voting yes were Laura Carney, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Doug Johnson, Doug LaPlante, Maryjane Martens and Bev Sandness.

The board meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

  
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Secretary/Executive Director